



Motor Gasoline Watch

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SUPPLY

- Stocks decreased last week as higher production levels did not offset an increase in demand. Total motor gasoline stocks were down 2.2 million barrels to end the week at 202.4 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline were down 0.3 million barrels to 38.8 million barrels as stocks of other finished gasoline decreased 2.1 million barrels to 118.6 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 43.9 million barrels, 0.1 million barrels above the level at the end of the prior week.
- Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 0.7 million barrels below the level for the same week last year. Imports of total gasoline averaged 302 thousand barrels per day of which 167 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 46 thousand barrels per day were blending components.

Gasoline Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Finished Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	07/21/00	07/28/00	08/04/00	08/11/00	08/13/99	07/21/00	07/28/00	08/04/00	08/11/00	08/13/99
East Coast (PADD I)	978	1,078	1,112	1,074	1,082	596	684	679	605	687
Midwest (PADD II)	2,069	2,025	1,984	1,994	2,045	258	268	263	259	303
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,524	3,732	3,498	3,547	3,545	682	730	607	675	638
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	282	281	274	289	279	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,375	1,440	1,381	1,448	1,367	942	1,027	966	1,044	1,026
U.S. Total	8,228	8,556	8,249	8,352	8,319	2,478	2,709	2,515	2,583	2,654

Gasoline Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	07/21/00	07/28/00	08/04/00	08/11/00	08/11/99	07/21/00	07/28/00	08/04/00	08/11/00	08/11/99
East Coast (PADD I)	56.5	55.0	54.7	53.3	56.8	17.0	17.5	16.2	15.6	17.8
Midwest (PADD II)	58.2	56.9	55.1	54.0	53.9	2.8	2.2	2.7	2.4	1.7
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	57.6	60.1	59.7	61.3	60.0	9.6	9.6	9.1	9.7	10.0
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.2	5.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	28.3	28.0	28.7	27.6	26.8	11.0	11.3	11.1	11.0	10.8
U.S. Total	206.9	206.3	204.6	202.4	203.1	40.4	40.7	39.1	38.8	40.2

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PRICES

- Gasoline spot and futures prices rose strongly last week, closely following a similar gain in crude oil prices driven by low stocks and continued delays in promised production increases. Apparent OPEC support for current price levels, along with a tropical storm approaching the Texas coast, were also seen as factors. The New York Harbor spot price for conventional regular gasoline rose 8.43 cents for the week to 86.18 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB RFG spot price increased 9.50 cents to 119.50 cents per gallon.
- The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline fell for the eighth straight week, dropping 1.5 cents to 144.7 cents per gallon as of August 14, 2000. The average has declined by 23.4 cents since June 19, to its lowest level since May 1, but stands 21.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. Prices declined for most regions and formulations, but showed slight increases on the West Coast and for RFG in the Midwest.

Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	07/24/00	07/31/00	08/07/00	08/14/00	08/16/99	07/24/00	07/31/00	08/07/00	08/14/00	08/16/99
New York	75.25	85.97	77.75	86.18	62.51	86.88	100.70	86.43	89.08	62.15
Chicago	69.50	77.60	70.81	76.95	62.14	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	72.00	76.10	76.88	85.85	59.39	83.00	86.35	86.50	94.80	60.50
Los Angeles	92.00	94.00	105.00	112.50	74.00	97.00	99.00	110.00	119.50	84.00

Source: Reuters Information Services.

Regular Gasoline Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes)

District	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	07/24/00	07/31/00	08/07/00	08/14/00	08/16/99	07/24/00	07/31/00	08/07/00	08/14/00	08/16/99
East Coast (PADD I)	150.7	146.4	143.8	141.6	115.6	162.8	161.0	159.9	158.9	122.7
Midwest (PADD II)	145.2	136.6	137.6	135.2	121.2	143.0	134.6	134.6	135.5	124.3
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	148.7	145.4	142.1	141.3	115.4	151.4	149.2	145.5	143.4	113.3
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	158.9	157.7	156.5	155.4	134.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	163.3	162.7	162.1	162.4	141.8	170.5	167.4	166.0	166.1	151.9
U.S. Average	149.2	143.6	142.7	140.9	120.7	159.0	155.3	154.0	153.6	129.9

Source: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-878, Motor Gasoline Price Survey.

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